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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF:

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SERIAL NO: NEW U.S. PCT APPLICATION:  
(BASED ON PCT/FR99/00123)

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FOR: PROCESS FOR MELTING AND  
REFINING VITRIFIABLE MATERIALS

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Claim 3, lines 1-2, replace "one of the preceding claims" with --Claim 1--.

Claim 4, lines 1-2, replace "one of the preceding claims" with --Claim 1--.

Claim 5, line 1, delete "or Claim 4".

Claim 6, lines 1-2, replace "one of the preceding claims" with --Claim 1--.

Claim 7, lines 1-2, replace "one of the preceding claims" with --Claim 1--.

Claim 8, lines 1-2, replace "one of the preceding claims" with --Claim 1--.

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